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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: MRS. CARTER'S SCHEDULE

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1. WHILE WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE MME. VEIL'S STATURE AS THE RANKING FRENCH OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRAMS AFFECTING THE ELDERLY AND HAVE NO OBJECTION TO HER CHAIRING THE BRIEFING, WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FORMAT PROPOSED IN REFTEL. MRS. CARTER IS INTERESTED IN LEARNING AS MUCH AS SHE CAN, IN A LIMITED TIME, ABOUT CURRENT AND PROPOSED FRENCH PROGRAMS FOR THE ELDERLY, DEVELOPMENTS IN GERONTOLOGICAL RESEARCH, AS WELL AS NON-GOVERNMENTAL EFFORTS IN THIS FIELD. A TETE-A-TETE BETWEEN MRS. CARTER AND MME. VEIL ASSUMES DIMENSIONS OF A BILATERAL DISCUSSION RATHER THAN AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MRS. CARTER TO HEAR DIFFERING POINTS OF VIEW, WHICH SHE CLEARLY DESIRES.

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2. WE ENVISION A FORMAT SIMILAR TO A WHITE HOUSE ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION ON AGING WHICH MRS. CARTER HOSTED LAST SPRING. AT THAT ROUNDTABLE, VARIOUS EXPERTS FROM BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS DISCUSSED VARIOUS PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE AGING AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO SOME OF THEM. THE WHITE HOUSE RECENTLY ISSUED A SMALL PAMPHLET ON THE ROUNDTABLE, WHICH IRIS JACOBSON IS BRINGING WITH HER TO

PARIS. MRS. CARTER WOULD BE PREPARED TO SHARE THIS PAMPHLET
WITH FRENCH PARTICIPANTS IN THE BRIEFING.

3. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL STRESS THIS POINT OF VIEW TO THE
FRENCH, PERHAPS ASKING THEM IF MME. VEIL WOULD BE WILLING
TO DRAW UP A LARGER LIST OF PARTICIPANTS TO PERMIT MORE
GIVE AND TAKE.

4. IN ANY EVENT, WE HOPE THAT TWO POOL WRITERS -- ONE
FRENCH AND ONE AMERICAN -- WOULD BE ABLE TO COVER THE
BRIEFING. VANCE

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